



Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word

Title: Endoscopic incisional therapy for benign esophageal strictures: technique and results

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers

References have been changed accordingly.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- Reviewer No: **02537509**
Authors reported a review about " Endoscopic incisional therapy for benign esophageal strictures: technique and results". I think that this review is well written and is worth publishing in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. I would like the authors to do an algorithm for the main indications of these treatment

An algorithm has been attached in the text.

- Reviewer No **00722986**

The manuscript titled "Endoscopic incisional therapy for benign esophageal strictures: technique and results" is a well written and comprehensive review article on a debateful topic. However the

authors' own experience is not mentioned. Except some minor revision, it is worth considering for publication. Some changes and revision is necessary: 1. There is too little information on the management of complications of the EIT. 2. One of the main problems of stents is displacement. Please mention it. 3. Although there are some references of some pediatric journals, the paper seems to be intended to discuss only the adult patients. Is this true? The distribution, rate of causes and management of strictures are different in children. I think a few pediatric articles are worth citing such as Bicakci et al's (Pediatr Surg Int. 2010 ;26:251-5). 4. Section: "Technical details of incisional therapy", Subsection "c) The Technique", subsection "i)": Please change oral to "cranial" and anal to "caudal"

- Author's own experience has been added in a separate paragraph.
- 1. Complications and its management have been modified and added accordingly
- 2. "Stent displacement"- necessary changes made
- 3. Pediatric experience for incisional therapy has already been mentioned in the text. Regarding the reference of Bicakci *et al* quoted, the article deals with balloon dilatation and intra-lesional steroid injection therapy and does not have patients undergoing incisional therapy, which is the topic for review.
- 4. Necessary changes made.

The language of the revised article has reached Grade A.
The changes made in the main text has been highlighted.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,



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